

TOWN OF NEWSTEAD
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
February 7, 2000

PRESENT: Dave Wakeman, Chairman Bill Walworth, Deputy Bldg. Inspector
 Andy Kelkenberg Rebecca Baker, Planning Board Clerk
 Mary Valentine
 John Potera
 Don Hoeffler
 Terry Janicz

The planning board and the town board listened to the Master Plan presentation by the Christian Airmen. After two previous informational meetings with the public, the following issues are being addressed:

*Extending the runway – these plans have been eliminated. The issue was too controversial and crossing Scotland Rd. was not cost effective.

*Flying over the school – the use of runway 11 will be restricted, and there will be no approaches over the school unless for emergency situations.

*Airport lighting – baffling will be installed on the beacon to direct the light upward to avoid problems with the public.

*Drainage to East Ave. – if this becomes a problem, berms will be installed for both drainage and noise.

*Noise – this is probably the biggest complaint. The earth berm along the southern edge will help immensely.

There are also many operational procedures that will be implemented to help with the noise reduction:

1. There will be a run up area for preflight instrument checking instead of at the end of the runway,
2. Touch and go procedures will avoid the quick take offs and instead have to circle around and take off at the beginning of the runway getting the aircraft higher in the air sooner
3. Limited nighttime operations
4. Publishing procedures in airport planning manuals.

*Economic Impact – The NFTA completed a study which indicated a \$2.6 million/year positive impact.

Mr. Wegman reminded the boards that the airport is privately owned and creates tax dollars for the community instead of costing the town money. He feels the town, as well as the airport and pilots would benefit from this expansion.

Next, the conservation advisory committee made its presentation regarding the Cornell Farmland Preservation Study. Mr. Nelson Bills explained the purpose of the study, defined terms/parameters and the effects on the Town of Newstead. Currently, 2/3 of the town is “in play” (eligible for preservation). The system is based on buying developmental rights based on total digestible nutrients (soil productivity). Using assumptions the study made, when the Town of Newstead reaches full build out, 20% - 30% of the Town of Newstead could be preserved. This percentage can change based on the wants and needs of the town and parameters used. It is up to the town board if they wish to continue with this plan.

A motion to accept the minutes from the Jan 17th meeting with 2 changes was made by Mary, seconded by Terry and all approved.

The board was updated regarding Kelly Schultz’s addition on Main Rd. The DEC is concerned about possible encroachment into the wetlands to the rear of his property, and therefore does not want the Town to be lead agency. This matter is being looked into. Those wetlands are not currently delineated.

John informed the board that the Master Plan committee is working on the request for proposal and should be ready to mail them out by the end of the week.

Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:35pm, Don seconded the motion and all approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rebecca Baker,
Planning Board Clerk